

**OFFICIAL****RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION  
ART UNIT 1635****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE** **RECEIVED**  
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Applicant: Yves Poirier and Volker Mittendorf

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Examiner: Janet L. Epps Ford

For: *BIOSYNTHESIS OF MEDIUM CHAIN LENGTH  
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATES*MAIL STOP A-F  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2003, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time, along with the required fee, to extend the period for response one month, to and including February 1, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$330.00, the fee for a Notice of Appeal, and \$110.00, the fee for a one month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.